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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1624

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Examiner: H. Liu

APPLICATION NO: 09/669,298

FILED: SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

FOR: HETEROCYCLIC SODIUM/PROTON EXCHANGE INHIBITORS AND METHOD

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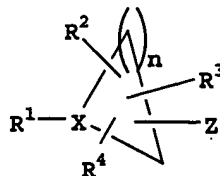
Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action mailed February 3, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed March 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application to read as follows.

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 22, 24, 64 and 73 to read as follows:

-- 1. (Thrice Amended) A compound having the structure



wherein n is 4;

X is N;

Z is a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing monocyclic heteroaryl group which is selected from the group consisting of imidazole, aminoimidazole, alkylimidazole, alkylthioimidazole,